

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 52

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor the Harrison Ruritan Club upon its 60th Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should specially recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are comprised of concerned citizens who are dedicated to improving the quality of life in their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable organization that evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all its endeavors is the Harrison Ruritan Club, which celebrated its 60th Anniversary on October 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, composed of individuals who are dedicated to building a better America through fellowship, goodwill, and service to community, Ruritan is a national community service organization formed to create a better understanding among people and, through volunteer community service, make this Nation's communities better places in which to work and live; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1952, the Harrison Ruritan Club has assiduously promoted the well-being of Harrison and Hamilton County citizens through a wide variety of worthy projects, including recruiting the initial subscribers for the Eastside Utility District to enable area residents to enjoy clean water at an affordable cost and leading the charge in the organization of the Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison Ruritan Club established a youth baseball and softball program that has since become the Harrison Recreation League and it graciously lets a vast array of area groups and organizations utilize its club building for meetings and events; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Club also conduct annual fundraisers to support the major missions of the Club and perpetuate its support of the community, including car shows,

Haunted Houses, an annual barbeque, rummage sales, golf tournaments, and pancake breakfasts; and

WHEREAS, area groups that have received the proceeds from Ruritan events include Harrison Elementary, Smith Elementary, Brown Middle School, Central High School, and the Highway 58 Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison Ruritan Club has also given scholarships to Central High School students, sponsored delegates to Boys' and Girls' State events, and Freedom Foundation Leadership Training while also supplying Christmas baskets to the needy, clothes for needy children, contributions to those who lost their homes due to fire, closed-captioned television for the deaf, and help with medical expenses for those in need; and

WHEREAS, as befits their sterling reputation earned through sixty years of dedicated public service, the members of the Harrison Ruritan Club have worked countless hours to make their community a vibrant and compassionate place of which every resident can be proud; and

WHEREAS, the members of this laudable organization are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; as ambassadors of those very precepts, the Harrison Ruritans should be especially recognized on the occasion of their 60th year of proud service to the Harrison community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we join with the members of the Harrison Ruritan Club in celebrating the Club's 60th Anniversary, commend them on six decades of exemplary service to their community, this State, and our Nation, and wish them much continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.